

# welcome



## Republic of Austria

**Size:** 83,871 sq km (32,382 sq mi)

**Population:** 8.7 million (2016)

**Official language:** German

**Currency:** Euro (EUR)

**Capital city:** Vienna

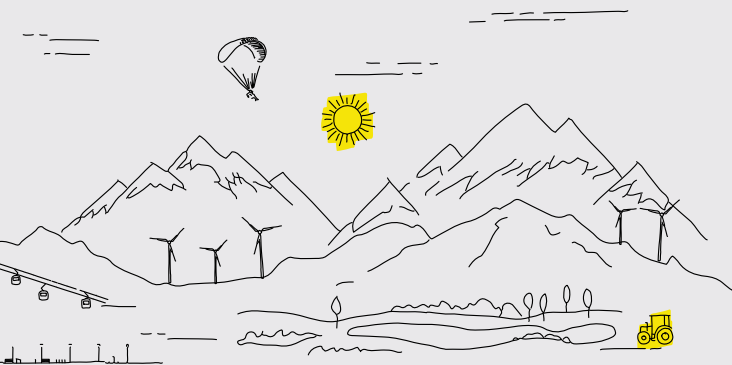
**Provinces of Austria:** Vienna, Lower Austria, Upper Austria, Styria, Tyrol, Carinthia, Salzburg, Vorarlberg, Burgenland

**Largest cities:** Vienna, Graz, Linz, Salzburg, Innsbruck

**Religions:** Roman Catholic 61.4%, Protestant (Lutheran) 3.6%, Muslim 4%, unaffiliated 20%, other 11%

**Climate:** mild summers with occasional heat waves, cooler in Alpine areas; cool, cloudy, wet winters (snow in Alpine areas)

**Neighbouring countries:** Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Liechtenstein, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland



# where

## Higher Education in Austria

The higher education location of Austria unites three very important aspects: a great number of high quality tertiary education institutions in all nine federal provinces, a long academic tradition and an open-minded atmosphere for creativity and innovation.

In many areas the Austrian institutions have accomplished outstanding achievements on an international level and gained high reputation.

Austria combines a long tradition in higher education with state-of-the-art research and offers six types of higher education institutions:

- **34 Universities** (of which 6 Universities of the Arts, 3 Medical Universities, 12 Private Universities)
- **22 Universities of Applied Sciences**
- ▲ **14 University Colleges of Teacher Education**



## Study in Austria. Find your Programme.

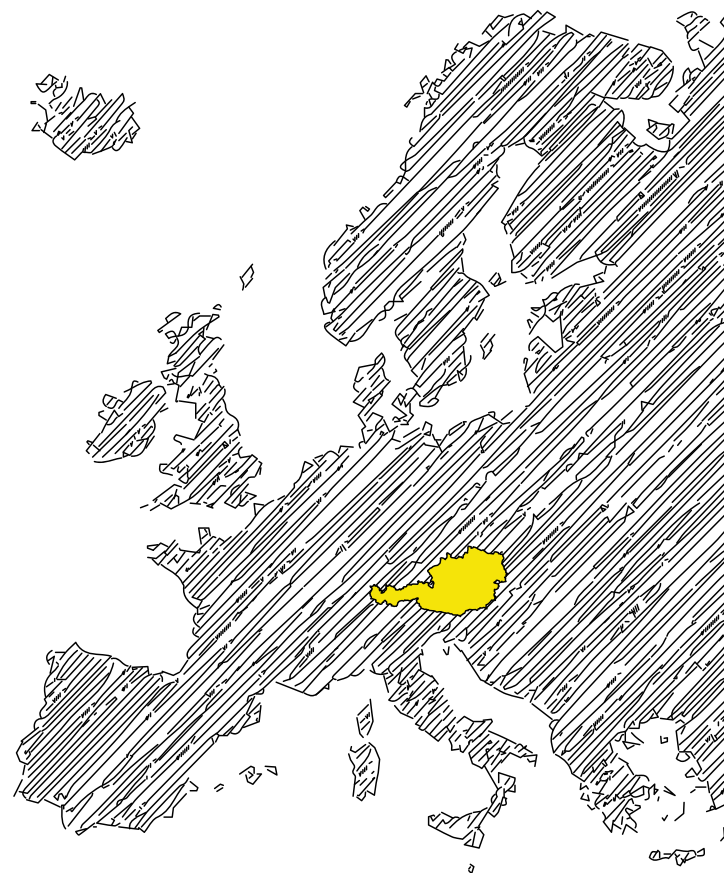
You will find all study programmes of the Austrian higher education institutions in a database, by means of a filter you can search for programmes taught in English. Visit: [www.studienwahl.at/en](http://www.studienwahl.at/en) and find the programme best suited for you!

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## Study in Austria

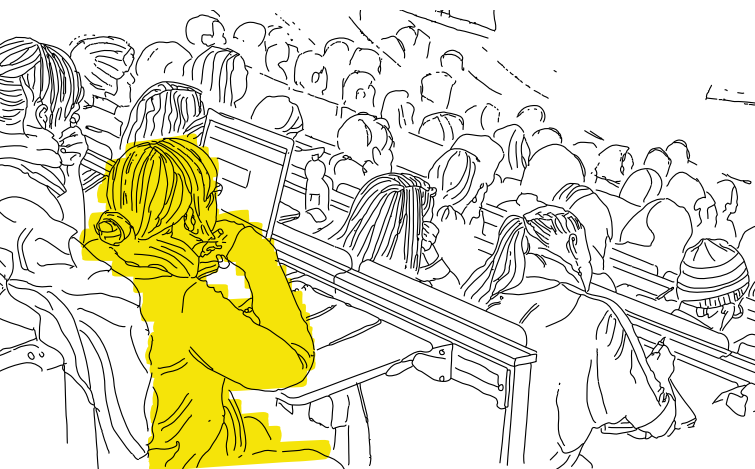


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[www.studyinaustria.at](http://www.studyinaustria.at)

# why



## Study in Austria

Situated in the heart of Europe, Austria offers great variety concentrated in a small area. Here you can find peace and a unique quality of life, big city flair and a rich culture.

Austrian higher education institutions offer an ever-growing number of degree programmes: you can choose between first-class research-based courses, a world-famous education at any of the universities of the arts, high-quality practice-oriented degree courses at the universities of applied sciences, and sound, up-to-date teacher education and innovative courses at private universities.

All in all, Austria offers you a broad spectrum of educational opportunities – not to mention great social security, economic stability and the great hospitality of the Austrians. This is why Austria is an ideal place for studying and living!



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## Important to Know

The language of instruction usually is German. Many institutions, however, also offer courses in other languages. Further information: [www.studienwahl.at/en](http://www.studienwahl.at/en)

Most universities and universities of applied sciences offer these programmes:

<b>Bachelor</b>	6–8 semesters	ECTS credits: 180 (in special cases 240)
<b>Master</b>	2–4 semesters	ECTS credits: at least 120
<b>Doctoral/PhD</b>	at least 3 continuous years	without the award of ECTS credits
<b>Traditional diploma degree</b>	8–10 semesters	
<b>Doctoral</b>	4 semesters	

Please have the nostrification (recognition) of your Austrian degree checked in your home country. Further information: [www.enic-naric.net](http://www.enic-naric.net)

## Admission

Your point of contact is the Admission Office or the International Office of your Austrian higher education institution.

Further information: [www.studyinaustria.at/admission](http://www.studyinaustria.at/admission)

You can find the application form for admission on the website of your Austrian higher education institution. Please complete it and send it to the Admission Office together with all necessary documents. The prerequisite for admission is the general university entrance qualification or relevant professional qualification, in many cases also entrance examinations.

## Entry and Residence

**EU/EEA nationals** need neither a visa nor a residence title. They, however, have to register with the authority in charge of residence within three months of entering Austria.

**Nationals of other countries** need a travel visa C, for stays for a maximum of 90 days, or a residence visa D, for stays of at least 91 days up to a maximum of 6 months, and a Residence Permit for Students for stays of longer than six months.

For a residence title sufficient financial means are necessary (as of 2017):  
under 24 years: € 491,43 per month  
24 years or older: € 889.84 per month

Further information: [www.bmeia.gv.at](http://www.bmeia.gv.at) | [www.oead.at/entry](http://www.oead.at/entry)

## Living Costs and Tuition Fees

Some Austrians and nationals of EU/EEA member countries need not pay tuition fees. Further information: [www.studyinaustria.at/tuition-fees](http://www.studyinaustria.at/tuition-fees)

Expect approximately € 950 per month for living costs when you stay in a student hall. Further information: [www.housing.oead.at](http://www.housing.oead.at)

## Working in Austria

- Students from third countries need a work permit to be employed in Austria.
- Nationals of EU/EEA countries need no work permit for working in Austria.
- Nationals of Croatia still need a work permit for employment until 2020. Further information: [www.oead.at/entry](http://www.oead.at/entry)

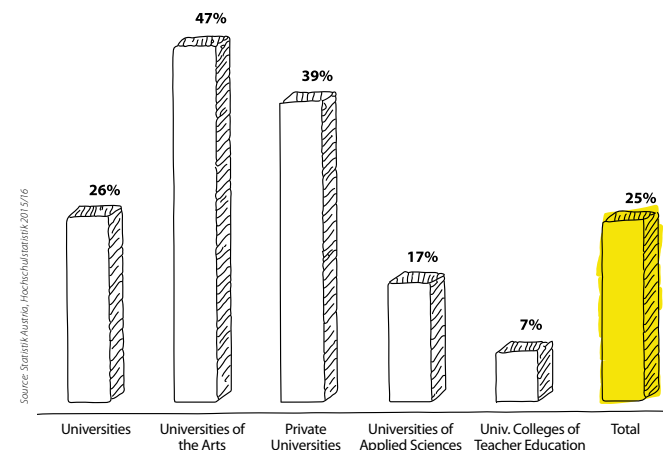
## Grants and Scholarships

There are numerous grant/scholarship programmes for studying in Austria. In the Austrian database for scholarships and research grants you will find a suitable one. Further information: [www.grants.at](http://www.grants.at)

## International Students in Austria

Support and promotion of academic mobility and internationalisation of the higher education system are of great concern to us. The numerous international programmes offered by the Austrian higher education institutions and the high percentage of international students in Austria confirm this fact.

### Percentage of International Students in Austria



In the academic year 2015/16 353,248 people studied at Austrian higher education institutions, of which 86,862 (25%) with non-Austrian nationality.